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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P, X	EP 1369031 A (LELY ENTERPRISES AG) 10 December 2003 Entire document	1-9, 14, 18-22, 24-26
X Y	US 4011838 A (NORDEGREN et al) 15 March 1977 Entire document	1-26 1-26
X Y	US 4572104 A (RUBINO) 25 February 1986 Entire document	1-26 1-26
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Y	<p data-bbox="240 363 802 426">US 6378455 B (POSTMA et al) 30 April 2002 Column 3, lines 49-52; Column 4, lines 31-37</p> <p data-bbox="240 625 1252 720">Note: Claims 1-26 lack an inventive step when either of the last two documents are combined with either US 4011838 or US 4572104; Claims 1-26 also lack novelty/inventive step with respect to either US 4011838 or US 4572104 taken alone</p>	1-26

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US	5746153	AU	71662/94	CA	2131979	CZ	9402193
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		PL	305045	US	5645012		
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